Opinion of experts on Power Projects

211. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. BAPU KHALDATE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that during the two day Conference held in Hyderabad the experts have opened that State Governments are not empowered to apply discretion in either terminating a private power projects or call for fresh bids even after signing MCU; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) During Senior Executive Forum, on "Bid Solicitation Project Appraisal and Negotiation" held at Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad on 3rd and 4th February, 1995, various issues relating to competitive bidding were discussed. However, no opinion has been expressed during the two day Senior Executive Forum, that State Governments are not empowered to apply their discretion in either terminating a private power project or call for fresh bids even after signing MOUs.

Department Enquiry kept in abeyance by U.B.I.

212. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) in case of frauds and other crimes committed by Bank officers and other Bank employees, whether it is necessary to keep the Departmental Enquiries in abeyance only because FIR is lodged with the police;

(b) if not, what is the reason that the Union Bank of India has kept in abeyance several such cases on the ground that FIRs, have been lodged with the police; and

(c) what action is contemplated against the top management of the Union Bank of India for protecting the culprits under this guise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) It is not necessary to keep the departmental enquiries in abeyance just because an FIR is lodged with the Police/ CBI.

(b) and (c) Union Bank of India has reported that in five cases of officers, enquiries have been kept in abeyance under directions of courts at the instance of CBI etc. In respect of six award staff employees, enquiries have been kept in abeyance in accordance with the provision of bipartite settlement or on account of court directions etc.

Proposal from Private Sector for setting up Airports in the country

213. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from Private Sector for setting up international an domestic airports in the country;

(b) if so, what are the full details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Government of India has given its no objection for construction of airports of international standards in Bangalore in Karnataka with the help of private parties and at Cochin in Kerala with the funds to be mobilised from the public including Non-Resident Indians. The respective State Government are to firm up the cost of the project and other modalities. The airports Authority of India will provide technical assistance.